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MISCELLANEOUS CZECHOSLOVAK ORDER OF BATTLE DATA

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Summary : This report gives [redacted] fragmentary order of battle data on Second Military District, Prague Garrison, Trencin Garrison, a number of miscellaneous unidentified units, a signal training center, an anti-aircraft firing range, a military hospital, a Danube fleet, and two Interior Guard (VS) units.

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MISCELLANEOUS CZECHOSLOVAK ORDER OF BATTLE DATAIntroduction

The following is a list of locations referred to in this report, with coordinates:

BANSKA BYSTRICA	(N48-44, E19-09)
BRATISLAVA	(N48-09, E17-07)
HEVLIN	(N48-45, E16-23)
JESENIK	(N50-14, E17-12)
JIHLAVA	(N49-24, E15-35)
JINDRICHUV HRADEC	(N49-09, E15-00)
KEZMAROK	(N49-08, E20-26)
KOMARNO	(N47-46, E18-04)
KUCHYNA	(N48-24, E17-10)
MALACKY	(N48-26, E17-01)
NOVE MESTO NAD VAHOM	(N48-45, E17-50)
OLOMOUC	(N49-35, E17-15)
POPRAD	(N50-05, E14-28)
PRAGUE	(N50-05, E14-28)
SAMORIN	(N48-02, E17-19)
SASTIN	(N48-38, E17-09)
SLAVONICE	(N48-59, E15-21)
STERNBERK	(N49-44, E17-18)
TRENCIN	(N48-54, E18-02)
TRENCIANSKE BOHUSLAVICE	(N48-48, E17-52)
TRI DUBY	(N48-38, E19-09)
ZVOLEN	(N48-35, E62-82)

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>FPN</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
Second Military Headquarters ¹	Ministry of National Defense	Unk	TRENCIN	CG was unknown.
(See Item 1, Annex A.)				

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The Courier Team was staffed by Air Force personnel and consisted of one commander (a captain), two pilots (a lieutenant and a senior lieutenant), and three airplane mechanics (career NCOs). The team was assigned two COP airplanes. They operated from the local air base at TRENCIN. The mission of the Courier Team was to transport Second Military District Headquarters couriers (always commissioned officers).

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>FPN</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
				Courier Team [redacted] [redacted] was not used for regular delivery of messages between Second Military District headquarters and its subordinate commands, but apparently only in urgent special cases. [redacted]
U/i Transportation Battalion (See Item 5, Annex A.)	Second Military District	Unk	TRENCIN	CO and approximate unit strength were unknown. [redacted] [redacted] a Transportation battalion was located in TRENCIN. Presumably this battalion was assigned to the Second Military District. [redacted] [redacted] (Name of the CG was unknown.) Members of this battalion wore brown shoulderboards. The number and types of vehicles held by this battalion were unknown.
Prague Garrison Headquarters (PV-Posadkove velitelstvi) (See Item 1, Annex B.)	Unk	Unk	PRAGUE	CO and approximate number of military and/or civilian personnel employed at this headquarters was unknown. [redacted] In the headquarters building of the Prague Garrison [redacted] a number of enlisted ground force personnel wearing red shoulderboards and therefore [redacted] a unit of unknown size was also billeted there.
Trencin Military Garrison Headquarters (PV-Posadkove Velitelstvi) (See Item 4, Annex A.)	Unk	Unk	TRENCIN	CO was unknown. [redacted] [redacted] the CO of the Trencin Military Garrison headquarters was the same general officer (name unknown) who commanded Second Military District.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>FPN</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>	
				[redacted] it was common practice throughout the Czechoslovak Army that in cities where more than one military unit was located, the commander of that city's military garrison headquarters (PV-Posadkove velitelstvi) was always the highest ranking commander in the city area.	25X1
U/i Infantry (?) Unit (See Item 4, Annex A.)	Unk	Unk	TRENCIN	CO and approximate unit strength were unknown. The members of this installation, which [redacted] was of battalion strength, wore red shoulderboards. [redacted] no further information pertaining this installation.	25X1 25X1
U/i Infantry (?) Unit (See Item 1, Annex C.)	Unk	Unk	JESENIK (formerly FRYWALDOW)	CO and approximate assigned strength were unknown. [redacted] [redacted] from the size and number of barracks at this military installation,	25X1 25X1
				[redacted] a unit of about battalion size was stationed there. The members of the unit wore red shoulderboards.	25X1
				[redacted] the Preparatory Aviation School located in STERNBERK the students of that school [redacted] took a skiing course of two weeks' duration in the JESENIK area. For the duration of the course the Preparatory Aviation School students were billeted and fed at the Jesenik ground force installation reported above.	25X1 25X1
U/i Infantry Unit (See Item 1, Annex D.)	Unk	Unk	MALACKY	CO and approximate assigned strength was unknown. [redacted]	25X1
U/i Antiaircraft Unit and possible State Aerial Defense Headquarters (PVOS-Proti vzdušna obrana statu).	Unk	Unk	OLOMOUC	CO and approximate assigned strength was unknown. [redacted]	25X1
(See Item 1, Annex F.)				[redacted]	

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>FPN</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>	
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U/i Engineer Unit (See Item 4, Annex F.)	Unk	Unk	OLOMOUC	CG was unknown. The approximate unit strength was 120 EM. Members of this unit wore black shoulderboards. Details of metal insignia denoting branch of service, if worn, was unknown.	25X1
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U/i Transportation Unit (possibly an auto mechanics' school)	Unk	Unk	JIHlava	CO and approximate assigned strength were unknown.	25X1
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U/i Signal Unit (See Item 1, Annex G.)	Unk	Unk	ZVOLEN	CO and approximate assigned strength were unknown.	25X1
				a ground force installation commonly referred to by the military as a communications (spojari) casern. ⁴	25X1

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>FPN</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/i Signal Training Center	Unk	Unk	TRENCIANSKE BOHUSLAVICE	CO and approximate number of students were unknown.

(See Annex H.)

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the Signal Training Center located southwest of TRENCIN. The Signal Training Center was commonly referred to among the military as being located in NOVE MESTO NAD VAHOM, but actually it was in the vicinity of TRENCIANSKE BOHUSLAVICE.

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Antiaircraft Firing Range	Unk	N/A	Vicinity of KEZMAROK
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(See Item 1, Annex E.)

two battery positions there, each battery having about eight guns. All guns were quadruple barrel models, believed to have been Soviet-made ZENITS.

U/i Military Hospital	Unk	Unk	OLOMOUC
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CO was unknown. This military hospital consisted of two buildings. In the main building, general medical cases were cared for, while the annex of this hospital was set aside for surgical cases.

(See Items 2 and 3, Annex F.)

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estimated the bed capacity of that building to be about 100 beds. Judging from the size of the main hospital building, estimated its capacity at about 1000 beds.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>FPN</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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U/i Danube Fleet (Dunajska Flotila)	Unk	Unk	BRATISLAVA	CO and approximate assigned strength were unknown.
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a standard army uniform, with black shoulderboards which had blue piping. Metal insignia of the branch of service was also worn on these shoulderboards.

members of this unit patrolled the Danube River on motor boats (model unknown). The top speed of these boats was 15 km per hour, and the crew consisted of 10 members. The patrolling of the Danube River between BRATISLAVA and KOMARNO was the responsibility of the Danube Fleet.

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members of this Danube Fleet were not Border Guards. the Border Guard insignia, which consisted of light green shoulderboards and collar flashes, and metal insignia representing a German shepherd dog's head.

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U/i Interior Guard Unit (VS-Vnitřní Stráž)	Unk	Unk	PRAGUE (Billeted in Hradčany Castle, the seat of the government.)	CO and approximate number of EM assigned to this unit, unknown.
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an entire VS company was stationed at Hradčany Castle.

the Hradčany Guard did not wear any distinctive insignia but only the usual VS magenta shoulderboards and collar flashes on which were worn metal insignia consisting of a cogged wheel crossed by a sword. This was the same insignia worn by all VS members.

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U/i Interior Guard Unit (See Item 1, Annex I.)	Unk	Unk	PRAGUE	CO and approximate unit strength were unknown.
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Members of this unit wore olive drab uniforms with magenta shoulderboards and collar flashes. The dress cap with visor was blue with a magenta cap band.

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Comments:

1. [redacted] First Military District headquarters was located in PRAGUE. The fact that Second Military District headquarters was located in TRENCIN was common knowledge among the military personnel located in TRENCIN. [redacted]

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2. All officers and EM, while travelling officially or otherwise, had to register with the nearest garrison headquarters (PV-Posadkove Velitelstvi), where the travel orders issued to them by their parent unit were stamped indicating the date and hour of their departure. Upon reaching their destination, the same procedure was again completed at nearest garrison headquarters, indicating the date and hour of arrival. If there was no garrison headquarters in the immediate vicinity of an individual's destination, the local National Committee Office (City Hall) at the National Security Department was contacted, where the registration was made. When an individual reached his home station, the local garrison headquarters was contacted and final entries of the date and hour of arrival were made. This registration served a dual purpose, since it controlled movement and furnished data needed for the payment of per diem allowances.

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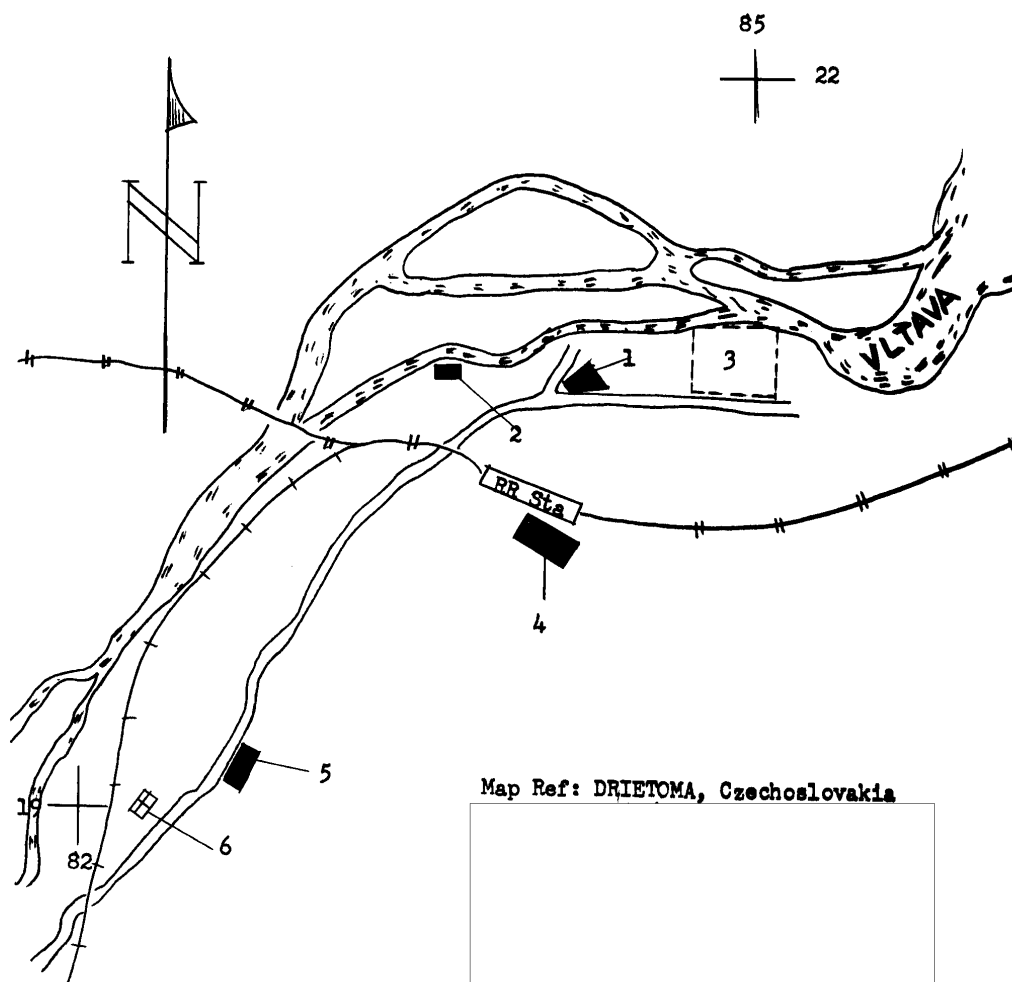
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Annex A

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Military Installations Located in TRENCIN



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Legend to Annex A:

1. Second Military District Headquarters: A five-story red brick building, triangular in shape, approximately 50 x 50 x 50 m. 25X1

in May 1951, the Trencin Garrison headquarters was moved to the military installation shown in Item 4, Annex A. Second Military District headquarters was located in a new residential district of the city of TRENCIN in the vicinity of the Vah River.
2. New Football Field: Indicated only as an orientation point.
3. Military Dependents' Housing Area: About 30 buildings, some two-story others, three-stories high, with a light grey stucco exterior. Each building was approximately 40 x 15 m in size.
4. Unidentified Infantry (?) Unit Installation (and Trencin Military Garrison Headquarters (PV-Posadkove Velitelstvi). This military installation consisted of one headquarters building, two-stories high, measuring approximately 20 x 12 m. In addition to the post headquarters, Trencin Military Garrison headquarters (PV-Posadkove Velitelstvi) was also located there in summer of 1951. There were three three-story buildings, approximately 50 x 20 m in size, which appeared to be troop billets and one garage approximately 15 x 8 m in size. All buildings in this military installation had a dark yellow exterior and the entire area was surrounded by a picket fence about two meters high.
5. Unidentified Transportation Battalion: One V-shaped two-story building, covering the entire city block. One wing of this building was approximately 120 m long, and the other, 80 m long. A garage large enough for about 25 vehicles was in the courtyard of this installation, together with a small auto-repair shop. 25X1

this battalion had another vehicle pool located elsewhere in TRENCIN,
6. City Hospital: Two three-story blue-grey stucco buildings, approximately 100 x 20 m in size. Military personnel stationed in TRENCIN received medical care and treatment at this civilian hospital. 25X1

there was no military hospital in TRENCIN.

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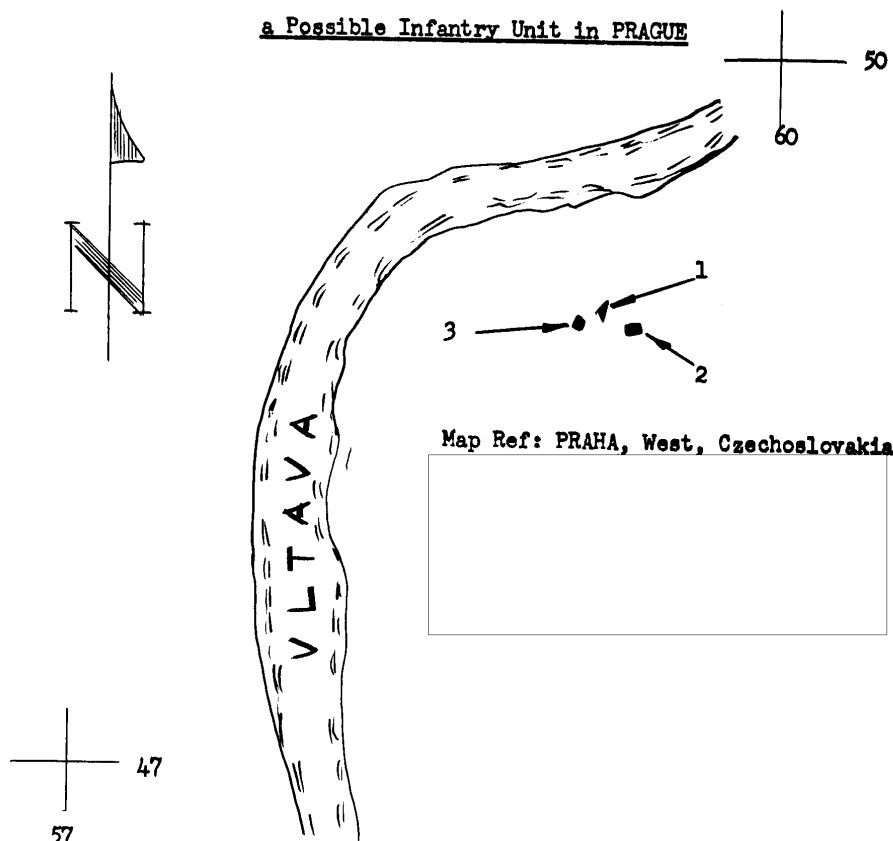
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Annex B

Location of the Prague Garrison Headquarters and
a Possible Infantry Unit in PRAGUE



Map Ref: PRAHA, West, Czechoslovakia

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Legend:

1. Prague Garrison Headquarters: A three-story light stucco building, approximately 80 m long, within a regular city block, located on Republic Square (Namesti Republiky).
(PV-Posadkove Velitelstvi)
2. The State Committee for Physical Culture and Sports Headquarters (SVTVS-Statni vybor pro telovychovu a sport). Located in a former YMCA building. Indicated only as an orientation point.
3. The Czechoslovak Air Lines Terminal (CSA-Ceskoslovenske Aerolinie). Indicated only as an orientation point.

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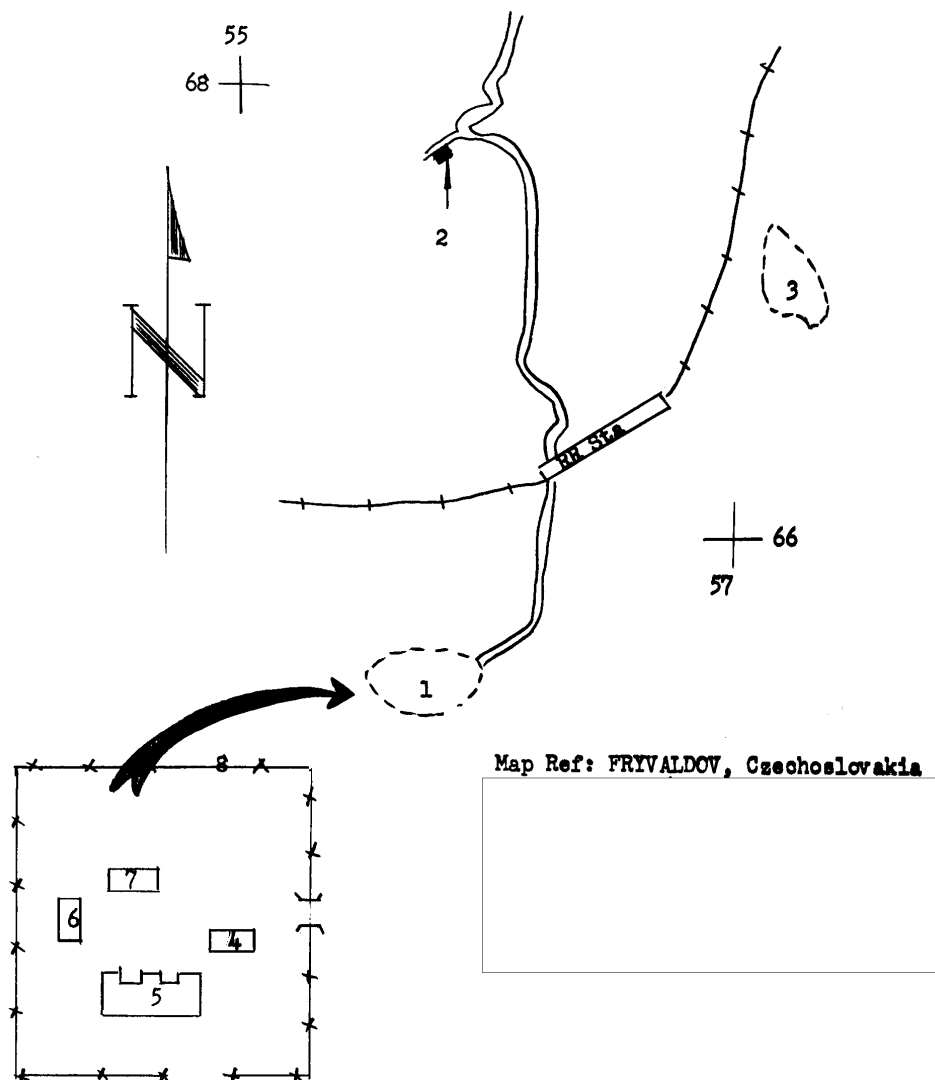
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Annex C

Military Installation Located in JESENÍK



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Legend to Annex C:

1. Approximate location of the unidentified Infantry casern.
2. Czech Air Force Recuperation Center
3. Unidentified Chemical Plant: 25X1
included in the synthetic
fibers produced there, guncotton (strelna bavlna)
was also in production.
4. Garrison Administration Building: A one-story light yellow building measuring
approximately 10 x 6 m.
5. EM Barracks and Mess Hall: A three-story dark grey stucco building,
measuring approximately 70 x 15 m.
6. Officers' Club: A three-story dark grey stucco building
measuring approximately 70 x 15 m.
7. Garages: A one-story dark grey stucco building
measuring approximately 70 x 15 m.
8. Iron picket fence with a stone base. The over-all height of the fence was
about two meters.

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Legend to Annex D:

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| 1. Unidentified Infantry Installation: | About four one-story, white-washed stucco buildings, approximately 50 x 20 m in size. [REDACTED] | 25X1 |
| 2. Alleged ground force military installation under construction: | About five or six one-story light grey stucco buildings, approximately 60 x 20 m in size, were being constructed in August 1952 by Moravostav, a national enterprise firm engaged in the construction of military installations. | |
| 3. The Kuchyna Air Base: | Indicated only as an orientation point. [REDACTED] | 25X1 |
| 4. Erroneously indicated railroad line: | Although the map, over which the enclosed overlay was reproduced indicates that a railroad line connected MALACKY with RARBOX, [REDACTED] never observed such a railroad line. Personnel stationed at the Kuchyna Air Base required to travel by rail through MALACKY, reached that city by the railroad passing through ZAHOR (located southwest of KUCHYNA). | 25X1 |

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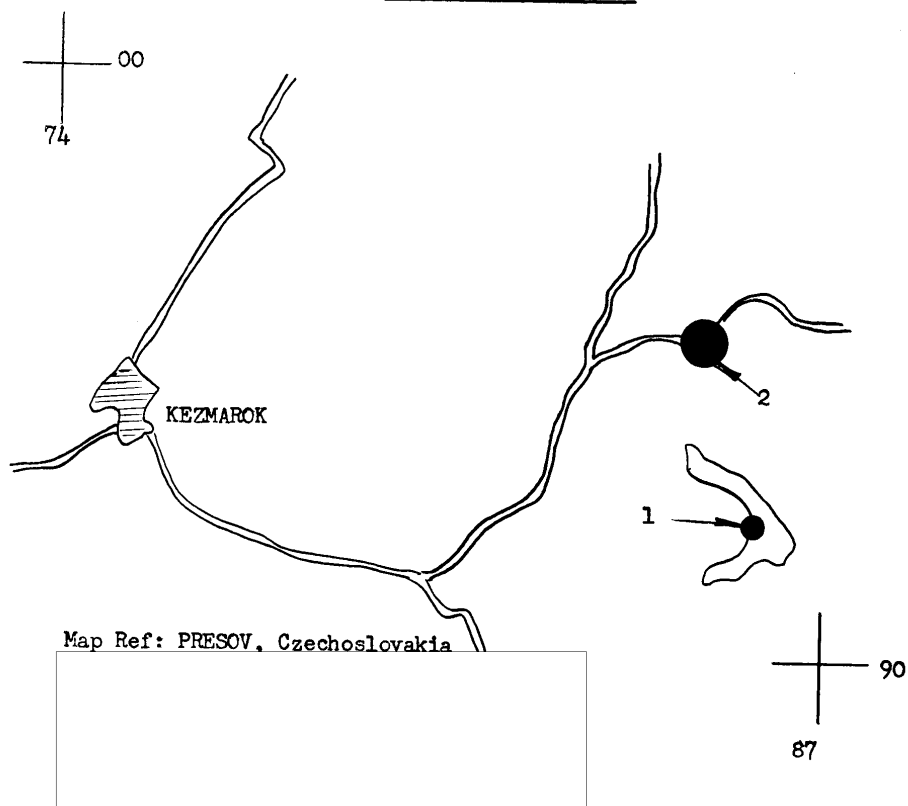
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Annex E

Location of an Alleged Anti-aircraft Firing Range in the
Vicinity of KEZMAROK



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Legend:

1. Antiaircraft gun firing range.
2. Tent Camp. About 60 eight-man tents were pitched in this area.

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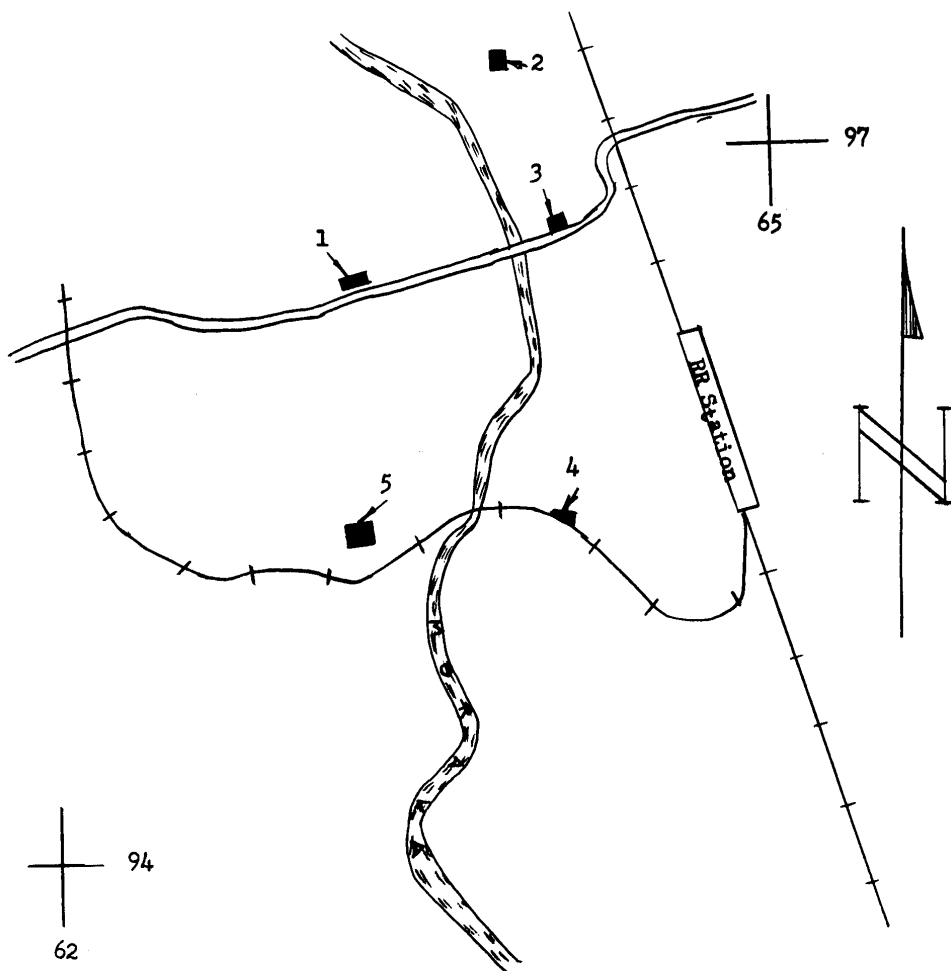
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Annex F

Military Installations Located in OLOMOUC



Map Ref: OLOMOUC, Czechoslovakia



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Legend to Annex F:

1. Unidentified Antiaircraft Unit and possible State Aerial Defense Headquarters: (PVOS-Proti Vzdusna Obrana Statu)

A three-story, yellow stucco building, approximately 150 x 100 m in size.

[REDACTED] This installation was commonly referred to as "Hanacke Kasarny".

[REDACTED]

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2. Unidentified Hospital: (General Medical Treatment)

A three-story dark grey stucco building, approximately 100 x 100 m in size. This hospital was located in a former monastery.
3. Annex to the Military Hospital: (Surgical cases)

A three-story dark grey stucco building, approximately 60 x 20 m in size. This hospital was located next to an unidentified military installation.

[REDACTED] All administrative matters were handled at the hospital, Item 2, above.

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4. Location of an alleged Engineer Unit:

About ten, one-story wooden barracks, approximately 25 x 10 m in size.

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5. Municipal Swimming Pool:

Indicated only as an orientation point.

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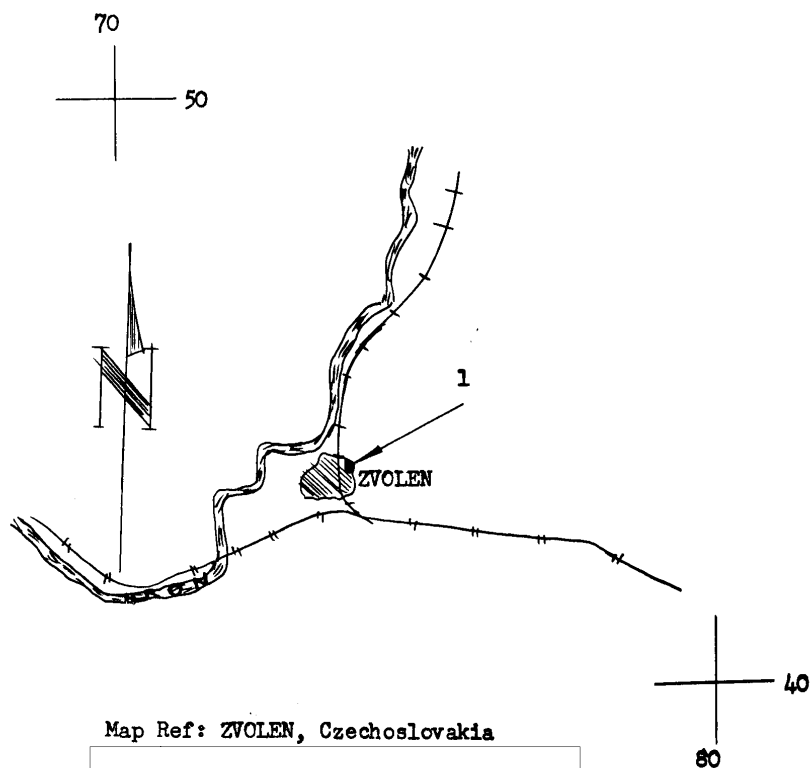
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Annex G

Location of an Alleged Signal Unit in ZVOLEN



Map Ref: ZVOLEN, Czechoslovakia

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Legend:

1. About six one-story light grey stucco buildings, approximately 40 x 12 m in size. The casern was surrounded by a two-meter high barbed wire fence.

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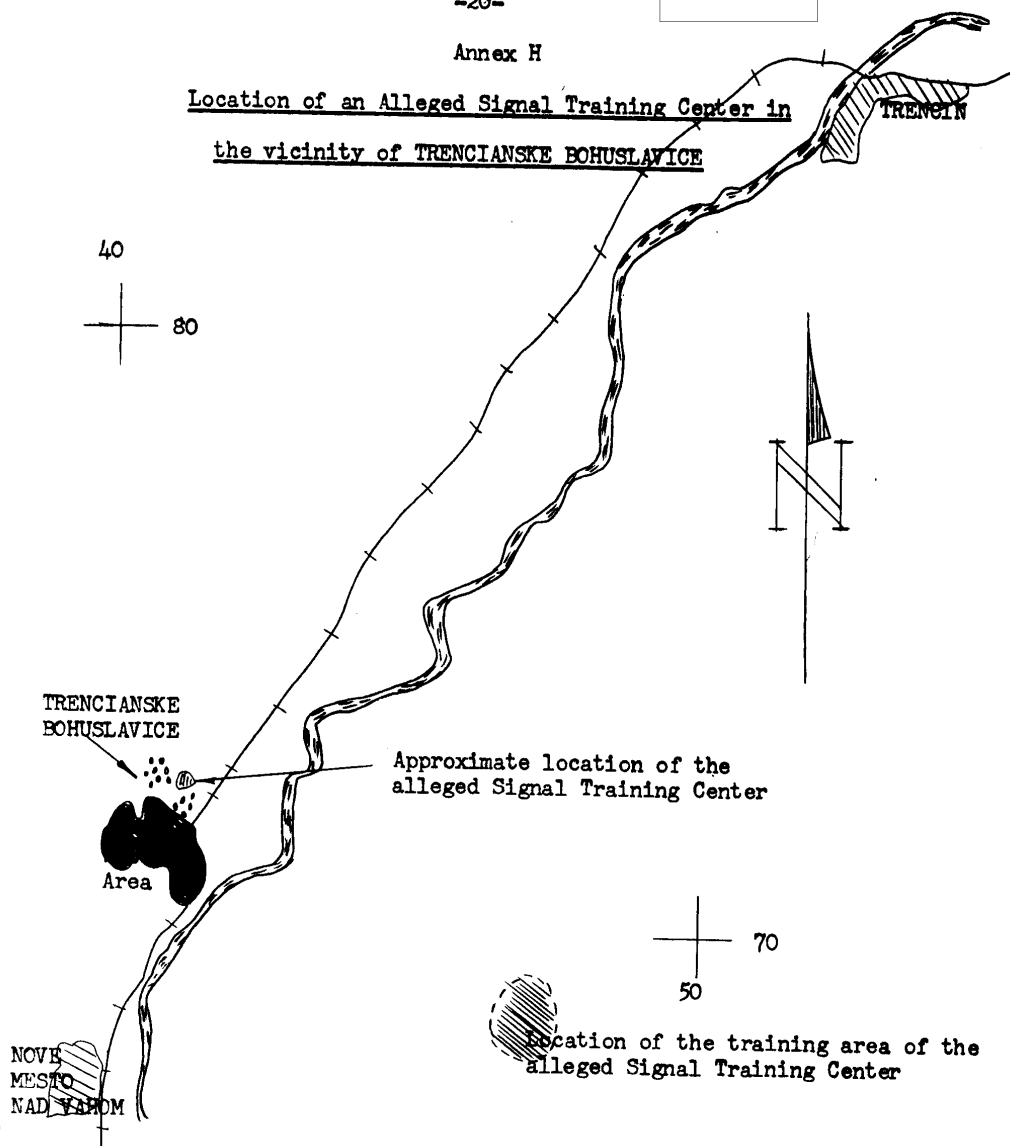
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Annex H

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Location of an Alleged Signal Training Center in
the vicinity of TRENCIANSKE BOHUSLAVICE



Map Ref: UHERSKE HRADISTE, Czechoslovakia

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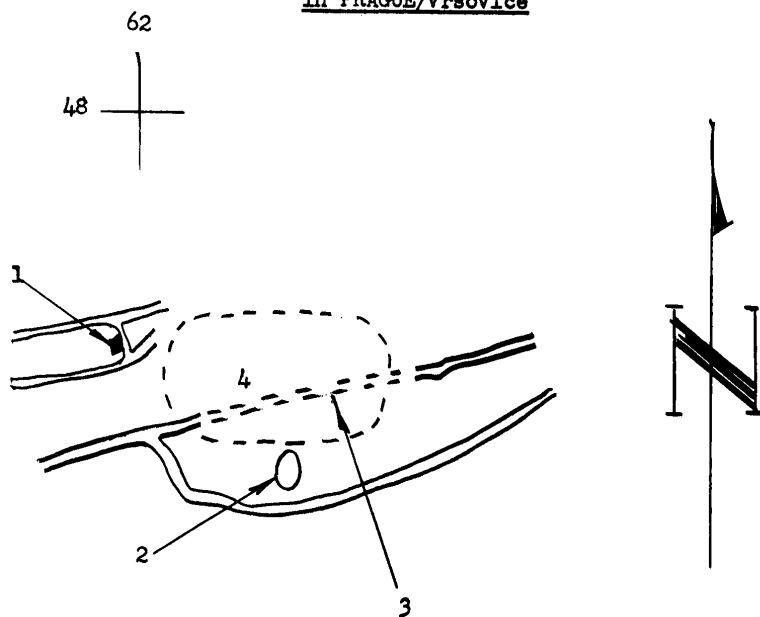
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Annex I

Location of an Alleged Interior Guard Installation
in PRAGUE/Vrsovice



Map Ref: PRAHA (East), Czechoslovakia

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Legend:

1. Alleged Interior Guard Casern. A three-story light green stucco building, approximately 40 m long, located within a regular city block.
2. The new Dynamo Football Stadium. Indicated only as an orientation point.
3. New, asphalt-surfaced road, passing through a former park. This road is not indicated on the map, over which this overlay was reproduced.
4. Former city park, now a (civilian) housing area.

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